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SUBJ: AMB. SCALI'S STATEMENT AT UNSC RE CHILE

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED IN SECURITY

COUNCIL MEETING MORNING SEPT. 18 BY AMB. SCALI:

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"MR. PRESIDENT, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE ISSUE NOW BEFORE THE COUNCIL I WOULD AGAIN LIKE TO STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES, AND IS SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF LIFE IN CHILE AND THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE. THE SITUATION NOW SEEMS TO HAVE CALMED AND WE HOPE THERE WILL NOT BE FURTHER VIOLENCE.

THE UNITED STATES REGRETS DEPARTURES FROM CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES WHEREVER THEY OCCUR. WE REGRET THE PROGRESSIVE BREAKDOWN OF CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES IN CHILE IN RECENT MONTHS WHICH CULMINATED IN THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11. COMMITTED AS WE ARE BY 200 YEARS OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, WE HOPED THAT ALL CONCERNED WILL BEND THEIR EFFORTS TO THEIR EARLY RESTORATION IN CHILE. THE CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE RAISED TWO MATTERS IN REQUESTING THIS MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL: THAT THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO HAD BEEN FIRED UPON, AND THAT A CUBAN MERCHANT VESSEL HAD BEEN ATTACKED, ALLEGEDLY IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. MY GOVERNMENT IS UNCOMPROMISINGLY OPPOSED TO VIOLENT ACTION AGAINST DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS AND MERCHANT SHIPPING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS; THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE ASSERTIONS BY THE CUBAN DELEGATION ARE FOUNDED IN FACT. IN THIS COUNCIL, WE HAVE HEARD CONTRARY REPORTS THAT THE FIRING COMMENCED FROM WITHIN THE CUBAN CHANCERY IN SANTIAGO AND THAT THE CUBAN MERCHANTMAN, PLAYA LARGA, ACTED IN DEFIANCE OF LOCAL LAW WHILE WITHIN THE PORT OF VALPARISO AND, THUS, WITHIN CHILEAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

DURING THE CONSULTATIONS CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 14, THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE WHILE INTERPOSING NO OBJECTION TO THE HOLDING OF A MEETING, DID EXPRESS DOUBTS AS TO PROPRIETY. MY DELEGATION AGREED WITH SEVERAL OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT THE ACTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE COMPLAINT BY CUBA WERE A PART OF A VIOLENT INTERNAL UPHEAVAL WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF A MEMBER STATE. ACCORDINGLY, ANY REDRESS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY SOUGHT THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS. WE HAVE NO INDICATION THAT SUCH CHANNELS WERE EVEN TRIED WHEN THIS MEETING WAS REQUESTED.

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IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT ALL OF THE CUBAN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN CHLE HAD SAFELY DEPARTED SANTIAGO BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL WAS REQUESTED TO CONVENE THIS MEETING. AND WE CAN ALL TAKE SATISFACTION IN THEIR SAFE DEPARTURE. AS TO THE MERCHANT VESSEL, IF, AS WE HAVE BEEN TOLD, THE SHIP COMMITTED ACTIONS IN VIOLATION OF CHILEAN LAW, THEN IT IS NOT, IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, THE BUSINESS OF THIS COUNCIL. IT SEEMS

TO ME LEGITIMATE TO ASK WHY THIS CUBANSHIP SOUGHT TO LEAVE THE PORT WITHOUT THE CLEARANCES WHICH THE MARITIME AUTHORITIES OF ANY NATION ARE ENTITLED TO REQUIRE. AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE, MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT OBSTACLES SHOULD NOT BE PLACED IN THE WAY OF ACCESS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WHEN IT IS DESIRED BY ANY STATE. WE WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS, SHORT OF A FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING OF GAINING THE ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WHICH HAVE BEEN USED BEFORE, AND WITH GREATER RESULT, BY THE PARTIES TO A BILATERAL DISPUTE. THUS, THERE ARE THE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC METHODS, AND I WOULD NOTE THAT A THIRD GOVERNMENT NOW IS REPRESENTING CUBAN INTERESTS IN SANTIAGO. AND GOVERNMENTS HAVE OFTEN BROUGHT BILATERAL OR REGIONAL MATTERS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BY CIRCULATING LETTERS SETTING FORTH THEIR POSITIONS.

DURING THE CONSULTATIONS LAST WEEK MY DELEGATION ALSO NOTED THAT IF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MEMBER STATES WERE TO SEEK TO CONVOKE THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON EVERY OCCASION WHEN INJURIES WERE INFLICTED ON OUR DIPLOMATS AND DAMAGE TO OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONS THE COUNCIL WOULD BE IN ALMOST CONTINUOUS SESSION. OUR OWN CHANCERY IN SANTIAGO WAS HIT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE ON SEPTEMBER 12. AND, I REGRET TO SAY, ON 27 OTHER OCCASIONS IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS OUR DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS ABROAD HAVE BEEN BOMBED, BURNED OR SHOT AT. OUR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS AND OFFICIAL PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN KILLED, KIDNAPPED OR WOUNDED IN LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE DURING THE SAME PERIOD. WE DID NOT ASK THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET ON THESE INSTANCES, DESPITE THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW SUCH CRIMES, BECAUSE WE, UNLIKE THE CUBAN DELEGATION, DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE CHARTER. WE HAVE,

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INSTEAD, SOUGHT REDRESS AND REMEDIAL ACTION THROUGH TWO AVENUES. ON ALMOST EVERY OCCASION WE HAVE ENERGETICALLY SOUGHT CONTACT WITH THE AUTHORITIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AND WITHOUT REGARD TO QUESTIONS OF RECOGNITION. WE HAVE ALSO ON A MUCH BROADER PLANE WORKED WITH MANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION THAT MIGHT BRING MORE PERMANENT RELIEF TO THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES. BUT THE STEPS THAT I HAVE OUTLINED ARE THOSE ANY RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT WOULD FOLLOW. I WONDER WHY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DO THE SAME."

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